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hoped that Dr. would be  
editor in chief - but his new  
duties will not allow of that.  
But the New people will  
ardently support the Journal  
if it is started.

Faithfully Dr. the work of  
Chief Editor would devolve upon  
me in virtue of my position  
here near the Clarendon Press  
which we hope will take  
up the Journal print & publish  
it. I should say that details  
on the latter point are not  
arranged though there is

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My dear Prof. Gray,  
May I join in  
the chorus of congratulation  
which greets you on the  
attainment of such a  
honoured name? Pray receive  
the most cordial expression of  
my respect & regards. The  
recollection of meeting you  
at New some few years ago  
is always amongst my most  
cherished reminiscences -  
On a matter of some

importantly I venture  
to ask your advice & opinion.  
We are at present watching  
a scheme for the establishment  
of a new Botanical Journal.  
The present Journal of Botany  
is hardly worthy of Botanical  
Science amongst English  
~~speaking~~ workers on this  
side of the Atlantic & Kew's Biological  
Laboratory are quite crowded out  
of the Journal of Micro. Science.  
~~be the case~~ Further the Linnæan  
Journal hardly at present

commands the confidence it  
ought to.

After much deliberation  
we have thought that we  
might establish a new Journal  
for Botanical Science. One that  
would not be devoted to one  
branch of the Science but  
that would embrace all. It  
would have all the best  
features of the old London Journal  
with the new features acquired  
of the work done nowadays in  
the Laboratories. We need all

would be a very advantageous feature in the Journal & would give it a position wh. it would otherwise lack.

The proposal at present is to make the Journal a quarterly one to start with so that there would not be a very great pressure upon the coeditors.

Do you think such a scheme could be worked? If so can you suggest any good coeditors?

We are at present only feeling our way to the establishment

very good ground for believing that the Press would take up the Journal - but we shall not make any direct overtures until the staff & size & character of Journal are fairly determined.

As coeditors - coeditors - there would probably be F. O. Bowen (Prof. in Moscow) & H. Marshall Ward (lect. in Manchester) and probably someone from Cambridge

It is possible if he will  
join - if not some other  
worker from there.

The journal would it is  
proposed be about the size  
of the old Quart. Journ. Univ.  
Science - i.e. before Lankester  
increased its size a few years  
ago. It would have plate  
illustrations of anthropological  
nature - it would also  
contain a news section  
& a part for critiques &  
reviews as well as an index

& current literature -

Now the matter upon  
which I desire to have your  
opinion if you will send  
me it to me in - would it  
be possible to get a co-editor  
in America? One who would  
cooperate with us & procure  
for us some of the many good  
things produced on the side  
of the Atlantic & who would  
help to keep us here informed  
of what was on with you.  
I feel that such cooperation

of the Journal, but I do  
 hope we may succeed. It  
 is so much wanted.

You leave of course your  
 own excellent Journal to  
 support & I can believe  
 that there might be a  
 reluctance to introducing  
 a new Journal from this  
 side amongst your own  
 ones already flourishing.  
 But I should hope that  
 a combination of work

on both side of the Atlantic  
in our journal with such  
feature as we propose to  
present would not substitute  
any good established journal  
with you - & that amidst  
the plenty of material  
there must be to spare  
sufficient for the new  
venture.

I trust you will excuse  
my troubling you on this  
matter - And if you will  
be so good as to give your

candid opinion upon the  
scheme & if you approve  
your support - we shall be  
very grateful indeed to you.  
With kind regards trusting  
you keep in good health  
I am very sincerely yours  
Isaac Bayley Ballou